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Attorney Docket No.: JHU1440-1

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Applicant: Lee et al. Art Unit: 1646  
Application No.: 09/485,045 Examiner: J. Andres  
Filed: May 12, 2000  
Title: GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-16

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002 (Paper No. 20), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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**AMENDMENTS**

Please cancel claims 43 to 52, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 54 and 55 to read as follows:

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54. (Amended) An expression vector including the polynucleotide of claim 53.

55. (Amended) A host cell stably transformed with the vector of claim 54.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Amendment In Response To The Office Action mailed  
November 18, 2002, including Exhibit A (8 pages); and
2. Return Postcard

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